Death Valley Spring Wildflower Update 2/26/07

For a spring wildflower bloom, rain must fall in the winter. This year, the necessary winter rains failed to arrive. Even if it does start raining now it will be a bit late to produce much of a spring bloom.

A few scattered wildflowers are blooming near Mormon Point and in washes west of Jubilee Pass, but they are already beginning to fade. Pockets of large Desert Gold continue blooming along Highway 190, on both sides of Furnace Creek. Although spotty and pretty much restricted to the roadsides, these wildflowers are the product of a September thunderstorm and a few isolated October and December rains.

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